

## **Meeting Record**

MPO Technical Committee Meeting  
Thursday, May 8, 2003  
Room 113, City County Building  
Lincoln, Nebraska

**MEMBERS AND OTHERS  
IN ATTENDANCE:** Allan Abbott, Karl Fredrickson, Roger Figard, Randy Hoskins,  
Brian Praeuner (representing Larry Worth), ( Public Works/Utilities),  
Marvin Krout (Planning), Doug Pillard (representing Don Thomas -  
County Engineering), Randy Peters, Steve McBeth, James Miller  
(representing Eldon Poppe), Rich Ruby, (NDOR), Mark Wullschleger  
(Urban Development), Jon Large (representing John Wood - Airport  
Authority)

**OTHERS:** Steve Burnham, (FHWA), Ron Schlautman, Audra Pacheco, Mark  
Ottemann, (NDOR), Kent Morgan, Steve Henrichson, Duncan Ross  
(Planning), Mike Brienzo, Karen Sieckmeyer (Public Works/Utilities),  
Ron Kratzer (LES), Phyllis Hergenrader, (Friends of Wilderness Park),  
Larry Hudkins, Kerry Eagan (County Board), Allen Jambor (HWS)

**STATED PURPOSE  
OF THE MEETING:** Technical Committee Meeting

Allan Abbott called the meeting to order and roll was taken.

***Agenda Item No. 1 - Review and action on the draft minutes of the April 17, 2003, Technical Committee Meeting.***

Mark Wullschleger made a motion to approve the minutes, Steve McBeth seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

***Agenda Item No. 2 - Review and action on a proposed amendments to the City of Lincoln an Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan. The Technical Committee recommendation will be forwarded to the Lincoln/Lancaster Planning Commission for the Annual Comprehensive Plan Review.***

Steve Henrichsen went over the Comprehensive Plan Amendments which are scheduled for a public hearing on May 21st before the Planning Commission. Below is a list of the Amendments and the recommendations being requested.

1. City/County Trails Master Plan - Reviewed and recommended by Technical Committee on March 20, 2003.
2. Water Master Plan - Not Transportation Oriented
3. Wastewater Master Plan - Not Transportation Oriented
4. South Upper Salt Creek Stormwater Master Plan - Not Transportation Oriented
5. Wildrose Lane Study (Reviewed and recommended by Technical Committee on April 17, 2003).
6. Functional Class Changes (Reviewed and recommended by Technical Committee on March 20, 2003).
7. Delete Study of County Impact Fees - Policy Issue by County Board.
8. 84th & Havelock Avenue - Recommending denial
9. Hickman Horizon Plan - asking for this amendment to be deferred

10. N 14th to 27th & Alvo Road - Recommending approval
11. 98th & "O" Street - Recommending approval
12. S. 66th & Highway 2 - Recommending denial
13. Highway 2 & Pine Lake Road - Recommending denial
14. North side of S. 27th & Yankee Hill Road - Recommending approval
15. South side of S. 27th & Yankee Hill Road - Recommending approval
16. N. 70th & Arbor Road - not included in packet
17. Personal Rapid - Recommending denial
18. 91st & Highway 2 - Recommending approval
19. Homestead Expressway & Warlock Boulevard - Recommending approval

Commissioner Larry Hudkins passed out a letter concerning the status of Wildrose Lane. The County Board met this morning and are requesting the Technical Committee to reconsider their plan to have Wildrose Lane vacated. It is currently designated in the Comprehensive Plan (F111), for a study to determine whether it should be considered for improvement or closure. Under the proposed amendment, the Wildrose Lane Study designation would be replaced with an indication for future closure and right-of-way vacation. The County Board is the only body that can vacate or close a road as long as it is in the County. The Board does not feel that the study has looked at all of the alternatives. The local communities, Raymond and Malcolm Fire Departments, School Districts and area farmers all feel that it would be a tremendous burden on them to have to fight the traffic coming out of Kawasaki, in addition to the extra mile, as well as concerns regarding safety and cost. The Board doesn't understand the urgency at this point and are concerned about the cost. This is a useful and functional road with an excellent safety record. It is a signalized crossing and the Union Pacific Railroad has informed the Board that they would like to have that crossing as far north as possible. The Board is respectfully requesting that the Wildrose Lane Study be left as it is in the Comprehensive Plan. For clarification, Roger Figard stated that the sense of urgency comes from the commitments in the annexation agreement where the City is responsible for other additional improvements to Fletcher Avenue to the East. Some of those improvements were predicated on the extension of Fletcher Avenue to the West. Commissioner Hudkins said they would be talking to the City/County Commons about this issue.

Allan stated that the County Board is requesting that we withdraw our recommendation to the Planning Commission which is that we close Wildrose Lane. Allan offered an alternative that instead of withdrawing our recommendation at this time, we recognize the County Board's concern and we will review the County Board's alternative. At this point, we need to arrange a meeting between the State, City and a representative from the County Board. Then prior to the 21st, we will decide whether or not to withdraw the option. Our next Technical Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2003, where we will address the concerns of the County Board.

Today, we will be taking action on Amendments 8 through 19. There being no further question, Allan entertained a motion that the Technical Committee recommend approval of the actions recommended in this report for Item 8 through 19. Mark Wullschleger made the motion, seconded by Karl Fredrickson. Motion carried unanimously.

***Agenda Item No. 3 - Review and action on a recommendation regarding 2003 Certification that the Transportation Planning Process for the Lincoln Metropolitan Area complies with applicable federal laws and regulations. Recommendation is on the 1st page of the 2003 Certification Report.***

Mike Brienzo gave an overview of the 2003 Certification Report. This is a transportation planning process to report that the Metropolitan Planning Organization complies with all of the applicable Federal laws and regulations. This report is organized according to deregulations that we are held accountable for and how we addressed them over the past year. Mike gave a brief summary on the key issues of this report. Over the past year, the Lincoln MPO was identified as a transportation management area based on the results of the 2000 census and on July 8, 2002, the Lincoln MPO was designated as a TMA which brings us new responsibilities as well as new authority in cooperation with the state in identifying projects within our

planning area.

He also identified the areas of recommended improvement which were identified in the January report from FHWA/FTA which are located on page 8 and 9. The recommendations of these report are that the transportation process is current and it is doing the job that the Federal regulations intended and recommended that the process be self certified which means that this report will go to the MPO Officials Committee.

Allan asked the State and Federal Highway Administration if they had any concerns. There were none. There being no questions, Allan entertained a motion to forward this report to the Officials Committee with the recommendation for approval. Marvin Krout made the motion with Roger Figard seconding, motion carried unanimously.

***Agenda Item No. 4 - Review and action on the FY 2004-2006 and 2007-2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).***

This covers the entire county of Lancaster to include projects in the City, County and State that affect our transportation network. This is an annual report that includes projects to be implemented by transportation agencies within the funding area. The objective of the program is to include both Federal and locally funded projects in order to receive funding from the Federal Highway Administration and the rural transportation agencies. These projects are required to be put in the TIP. There is a listing of the priority projects which cover the first three years of the program and the listing of out year projects which is the second three year projects. We will be acting on the priority years which are from 2004, 2005, and 2006. The out years are for informational purposes only. It is important to note that the City's Capital Improvement Program is moving forward and we dovetail this report with that time and public hearing which will take place on May 21, 2003.

Ron Schlautman pointed out that on page A-11 the 14th Street Bridge over I-80 has been moved from 2005 to 2006. Mike Brienzo said it is still in the priority years projects but the year change will be noted.

Allan Abbott entertained a motion to approve the TIP as presented today. Randy Peters made the motion seconded by Marvin Krout. Motion passed unanimously.

***Agenda Item No. 5 - Staff briefing on the Lincoln Municipal Airport Part 150 Noise Contour Study.***

Jon Large, Deputy Director of Engineering at the Lincoln Municipal Airport, updated the committee on their Noise Contour Study.

Jon explained that in 1980 they completed an Airport Noise and Land Use Compatibility Study. Operations at the airport were much different then than they are today. The Military F4's; the commercial fleet at the airport were large two engine jets; and the city being a long way from the airport were some of the factors for the long contours. Since then those three things have changed significantly. The military mission has changed to a very quiet aircraft; the commercial fleet has changed to Stage 3 engines which are quiet aircrafts also; and over the past 20+ years the City has grown out to meet the airport. In early 2002, the Airport undertook this *Part 150 Noise Contour Study*. Jon explained how the study was completed. He thought the change in technology was the biggest factor in the change of the contours.

Allan asked if their was any other topics for discussion? There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30.

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